

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Ella Mintz	Team: Squad #12	CCRB Case #: 201902195	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Friday, 03/01/2019 3:30 PM, Monday, 05/13/2019	Location of Incident: Over the phone	Precinct: 90	18 Mo. SOL 9/1/2020	EO SOL 4/18/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Fri, 03/01/2019 3:50 PM	CV Reported At: IAB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Tue, 03/12/2019 1:46 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. SGT Andrew Hong	01035	953972	090 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.SGT Andrew Hong	Abuse: On March 1, 2019, Police Officer Andrew Hong refused to provide his shield number to § 87(2)(b)	
B.SGT Andrew Hong	Discourtesy: On March 1, 2019, Police Officer Andrew Hong acted discourteously toward § 87(2)(b)	
C.SGT Andrew Hong	Discourtesy: On May 13, 2019, Sergeant Andrew Hong acted discourteously toward § 87(2)(b)	

Case Summary

§ 87(2)(b) filed this complaint on March 1, 2019 over the phone with IAB. It was referred to the CCRB on March 12, 2019 under log #19-8673.

On March 1, 2019 at approximately 3:30PM, § 87(2)(b) called the main line at the 90th Precinct stationhouse and spoke to Police Officer Andrew Hong, of the 90th Precinct. § 87(2)(b) asked Police Officer Hong to transfer her to Sergeant Zandro Rojas, who is the 90th Precinct domestic violence sergeant. Police Officer Hong allegedly told § 87(2)(b) that Sgt. Hong was busy and that she should call back. § 87(2)(b) allegedly asked Police Officer Hong for his shield number; Police Officer Hong allegedly hung up the phone without providing the request (**Allegation A- Abuse of Authority: Unsubstantiated, Allegation B- Discourtesy:**

§ 87(2)(g)

On May 4, 2019, Police Officer Hong was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; he continued to be assigned to the 90th Precinct. On May 13, 2019 at approximately 6:00PM, § 87(2)(b) spoke to Sgt. Hong. § 87(2)(b) asked to speak with Captain Timothy Skretch. Sgt. Hong allegedly stated that he was busy and hung up the phone on § 87(2)(b) (**Allegation C- Discourtesy:**

§ 87(2)(g)

The subject officer's rank changed between the time of the first incident and the second incident. He will be referenced in the report by the rank he held at the time of incident.

There is no video footage capturing either of these incidents.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A-Abuse of Authority: On March 1, 2019, Police Officer Andrew Hong refused to provide his shield number to § 87(2)(b)

Allegation B-Discourtesy: On March 1, 2019, Police Officer Andrew Hong acted discourteously toward § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with IAB approximately twenty minutes after the alleged phone call with Sgt. Hong (Board Review 01). § 87(2)(b)'s statement to IAB was generally consistent with her verified statement to the CCRB, which she provided on May 16, 2019 (Board Review 02). § 87(2)(b) stated that on March 1, 2019, she called the main line for the 90th Precinct stationhouse and a male answered the phone saying, "Police Officer Hong." § 87(2)(b) asked to speak with Sgt. Rojas. PO Hong asked why § 87(2)(b) wanted to talk to him. § 87(2)(b) explained that she wanted to follow up on a police investigation. PO Hong responded that Sgt. Rojas was busy. § 87(2)(b) asked PO Hong to have Sgt. Rojas call her back. PO Hong told her just to call back. § 87(2)(b) then said, "Can I have your shield number?" PO Hong hung up the phone without providing a response.

During his interview with the CCRB on June 12, 2019, Sgt. Hong stated that he did not have an independent recollection of either of these incidents (Board Review 03). Sgt. Hong has two memo book entries around the time of the incident (Board Review 04). Sgt. Hong's memo book has an entry at 3:10PM on March 1, 2019 noting that he was at roll call and an entry at 3:51PM in which, Sgt. Hong was marked as going out on patrol. Sgt. Hong confirmed that he was at the stationhouse between 3:10PM and 3:51PM, but the only thing he recalled doing in this time period was checking his Taser to make sure it was functioning properly. When asked if it was possible that he would take a civilian's call despite not being assigned as the desk officer or the

telephone switchboard operator, Sgt. Hong stated that it was possible that if someone needed a bathroom break, he would cover the desk for a few minutes. Sgt. Hong did not recall if that happened on March 1, 2019. Sgt. Hong did not recall speaking to a female over the phone. Sgt. Hong did not recall a female civilian calling to speak with Sgt. Rojas; Sgt. Hong did not recall telling a civilian that she could not speak with Sgt. Rojas. Sgt. Hong did not recall a civilian asking for his shield number over the phone. Sgt. Hong never refused to provide his shield number over the phone. Sgt. Hong denied hanging up on any civilian in response to them asking for his shield number.

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Allegation C-Abuse of Authority: On May 13, 2019, Sergeant Andrew Hong refused to provide his shield number to § 87(2)(b)

During her in verified statement to the CCRB on May 16, 2019, § 87(2)(b) stated that on May 13, 2019, at approximately 6:00PM, she called the same number that she had called on March 1, 2019 and a male picked up the phone and said, “Sergeant Hong.” § 87(2)(b) asked Sgt. Hong if Captain Timothy Skretch was available because she needed to schedule a meeting to discuss police matters. Sgt. Hong said he was not available and hung up the phone.

Sgt. Hong had no recollection of the alleged incident that occurred on May 13, 2019. Sgt. Hong was working the desk that day but did not have any recollection of any individual phone calls from civilians. Sgt. Hong did not recall getting a call asking to speak with Captain Skretch. Sgt. Hong did not recall telling a civilian that Captain Skretch was unavailable and did not recall hanging up on a female caller that day.

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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first complaint in which § 87(2)(b) is a party.
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- Sergeant Andrew Hong has been a member of service for six years and has not been a subject officer in any closed CCRB cases.

Mediation, Criminal, and Civil Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this case.
- On June 14, 2019, a request was submitted to the Office of the Comptroller for any notice of claim filed in regards to this incident. The results of this request will be added to the case file upon receipt (Board Review 05).
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

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Investigator: _____

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Reviewer: _____

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